

Application No. 10/707,182

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LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An oil separator for an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a valve cover, said valve cover having a recess with at least one drain hole formed therein;

a basket at least partially disposed in said recess and sealingly mounted to said valve cover of an engine, the basket containing at least one vent for allowing blow-by gas and oil particles to pass therethrough;

a breather lid sealingly mounted to the basket; and

a filter media disposed between the basket and the breather lid for separating oil particles from the blow-by gas.

2. (Original) The oil separator according to Claim 1, wherein the basket forms a seal with the valve cover.

3. (Original) The oil separator according to Claim 1, wherein the basket forms a seal with the breather lid.

4. (Original) The oil separator according to Claim 1, wherein the breather lid includes an outlet port for allowing the blow-by gas to exit the oil separator.

5. (Currently Amended) An oil separator for an internal combustion engine, comprising:

a valve cover, said valve cover having a recess with at least one drain hole formed therein;

a basket at least partially disposed in said recess and sealingly mounted to said valve cover of an engine, the basket containing at least one vent for allowing blow-by gas and oil particles to pass therethrough;

a breather lid sealingly mounted to the basket; and

means disposed between the basket and the breather lid for separating oil particles from the blow-by gas.

6. (Original) The oil separator according to Claim 5, wherein the basket forms a seal with the valve cover.

7. (Original) The oil separator according to Claim 5, wherein the basket forms a seal with the breather lid

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8. (Original) The oil separator according to **Claim 5**, wherein the breather lid includes an outlet port for allowing the blow-by gas to exit the oil separator.